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SUBJECT: FRG-GREEK AGREEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF
WORLD WAR I CLAIMS

REFS: STATE 80638; ATHENS A-73 OF APRIL 3, 1975

1. BY NOTE VERBALE DATED AND DELIVERED APRIL 29, 1975,
EMBASSY INFORMED FRG FONOFF OF USG APPROVAL OF SUBJECT
CLAIMS AGREEMENT. ON BASIS OF COORDINATION WITH UK
AND FRENCH EMBASSY, OPERATIVE PARA OF ALL THREE NOTES
WHICH WERE TO BE DELIVERED APRIL 29, READS LIKE THAT IN
U.S. NOTE, WHICH STATES AS FOLLOWS:

"THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO NOTIFY THE
AUSWAERTIGES AMT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA HAS APPROVED THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AND THE GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS,
WHICH WAS SIGNED AT ATHENS ON JUNE 13, 1974."

2. FYI: UK EMBASSY NOTED INFORMALLY THAT ARTICLE 6(2)
OF THE FRG/GREEK CLAIMS AGREEMENT PROVIDING THAT IT
SHALL COME INTO FORCE FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER ALLIED APPRO-
VAL RECEIVED BY FRG GOVERNMENT IS NOT FULLY CONSISTENT
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WITH ARTICLE 19(2) OF LONDON DEBT AGREEMENT PROVIDING

THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS ARE TO COME INTO FORCE "WHEN ...
APPROVED BY THESE GOVERNMENTS." HOWEVER, ALLIED
EMBASSIES PERCEIVED NO REASON WHY 14-DAY DELAY SHOULD
CAUSE THE ALLIES ANY DIFFICULTY, HAVING BEEN AGREED
BETWEEN THE FRG AND GREEK GOVERNMENTS. UK GOVERNMENT
WILL SEND REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO LONDON DEBT AGREE-
MENT PARTIES IN DUE COURSE.
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